

**Public Transit Systems in Alaska provide 7 million rides per year.**

**CENTRAL REGION**

**Anchorage**

Municipality of Anchorage  
People Mover, Anchor Rides  
3600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99507-1252  
(907) 343-8402

**Kenai Peninsula**

Central Area Rural Transit System  
CARTS  
P.O. Box 993  
Soldotna, AK 99669  
(907) 262-6345

**Kodiak**

Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc  
KATS  
302 Erskine  
Kodiak, AK 99615  
(907) 486-6181

**Matanuska-Susitna**

Mat-Su Community Transit  
MASCOT  
P.O. Box 871590  
Wasilla, AK 99687  
(907) 376-5006

**Bethel**

City of Bethel  
P.O. Box 1388  
Bethel, AK 99559  
(907) 543-3039

**Glacier Valley Transit System**

Girdwood Transportation, LLC  
P.O. Box 249  
Girdwood, AK 99587  
(907) 382-9908

**NORTHERN REGION**

**Fairbanks**

Fairbanks North Star Borough  
MACS, Van Tran  
3175 Peger Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99707-1267  
(907) 459-1196

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

**Juneau, Douglas**

City and Borough of Juneau  
Capital Transit  
10099 Bentwood Place  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 789-6903

**Ketchikan**

Ketchikan Gateway Borough  
The Bus  
344 Front Street  
Ketchikan, AK 99901  
(907) 228-6675, ext 175

**Inter-Island Ferry Authority**

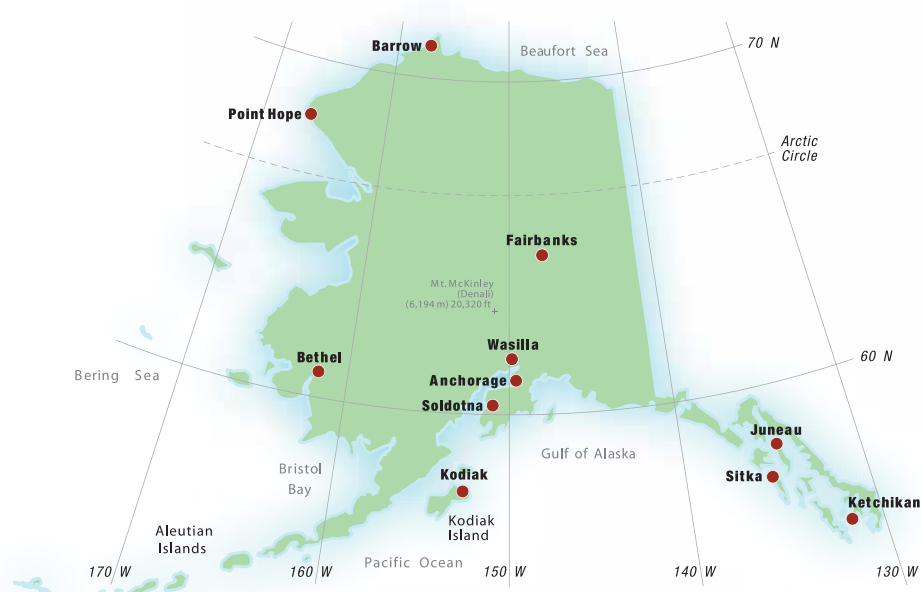
P.O. Box 495  
Craig, AK 99921-0495  
(907) 826-4849, ext. 26

**Sitka**

Center for Community  
Community Ride  
700 Katlian Street, Suite B  
Sitka, AK 99835  
(907) 747-6960

**Catholic Community Service**

Complementary Paratransit Provider  
for Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka  
419 Sixth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 463-6154



The Alaska Mobility Coalition is a private, non-profit membership organization that represents public, private and community transit providers in Alaska and provides technical assistance to new and emerging transit providers in the state.

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# Good Going Alaska

## Good for Business



*"We depend on the People Mover to help make our business run. It's an important economic driver that makes possible our employment base and brings our customers to our business, as well."*

- **Hugh Ashlock**

Partner,  
Dimond Center Shopping Mall  
Anchorage

## Good for Communities



*"If we want to maintain a lifestyle that allows us to spend money on those things that enhance our quality of life, it needs to be done with public transportation."*

- **Tim Sullivan**

Chairman,  
Public Transportation  
Advisory Board  
Anchorage

## Good for Individuals



*"You have to be able to continue to function. You need to be able to pay your rent and buy your groceries, and you can't do that if you don't have a way to get to work."*

Debbe Jackson has a firsthand perspective on the challenges that people with disabilities face each day. Not only does she help people who are developmentally disabled, through her work at Reach, Inc. in Juneau, but

a severe injury from a car accident several years ago left her temporarily disabled and totally dependent on public transportation.

Long after recovering from the accident, she continues to use the Juneau bus system for all of her transportation needs, and she helps her clients at Reach to become more independent by teaching them how to go places, using the bus.

*"Public transportation is a necessity."*

- **Debbe Jackson**

REACH, Inc.  
Juneau

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# An Investment in Independence



*the going is good*



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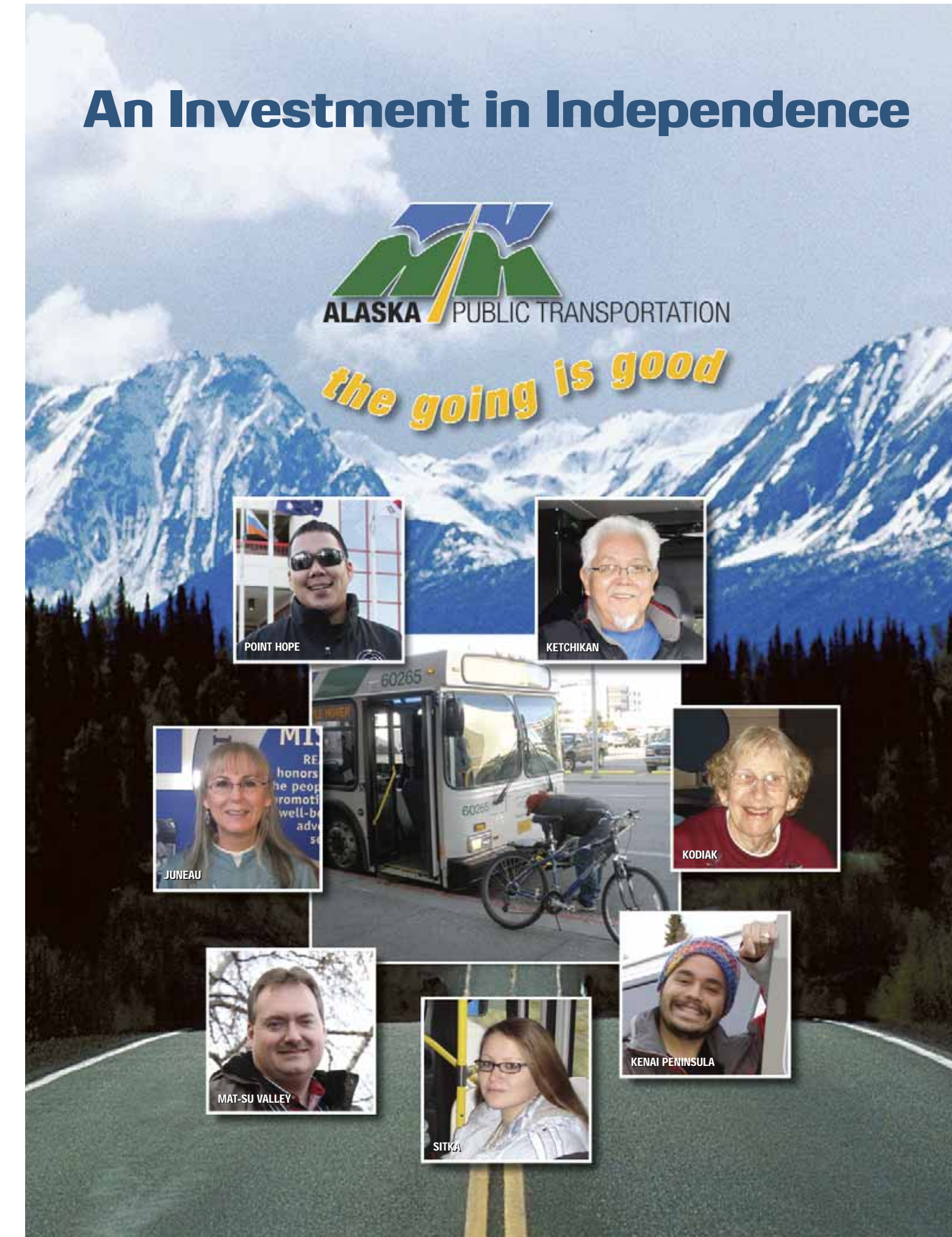
MAT-SU VALLEY



SITKA



KENAI PENINSULA



# Public transportation benefits the people who ride ~ and everyone else, too.



*"If there wasn't a senior van in Barrow, how would the elders get around? They would be walkin' when it's real cold - 40 below or more."*

- **Lucy Aiken**  
Bus Driver, Barrow

Saving fuel and encouraging energy independence, reducing highway congestion and increasing personal mobility, providing access to employment and social opportunities, helping communities to flourish and individuals to save money, traveling freely and protecting the environment: this is public transportation.

Recent surveys show that public transportation is important to Alaskans. In a survey conducted by Dittman Research, 94% of residents statewide said public transportation is important to their community.

Among communities that have public transit service, 12 public transportation systems provide about 7 million trips a year to riders of all ages. While most trips are in urban areas, nearly two million are in rural communities, from Ketchikan in the southeast to Bethel in the west and Barrow in the north.

*"Public transportation is always reliable. It helps our veterans as they rebuild their lives."*

- **Dr. James Fitterling**  
Homeless Veterans Service



*"Ride the bus! It's relaxing. The bus drivers are great. The people are fun to be around. It's convenient. It's easy."*

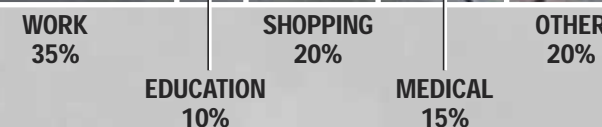
- **Cee Glasser**  
Borough Employee, Ketchikan

*"It actually saves me time. I don't worry about scraping snow off my car."*

- **Sally Spieker**  
UAA Professor, Anchorage



## Where do Alaskans go on public transit?



**94% of Alaskans statewide say public transportation is important to their community.**

Public transportation helps assure economic vitality for communities throughout the state, bringing employees to work and providing both a workforce and a means for customers to visit businesses. In fact, studies have shown that nearly \$6 of economic benefits are returned to a community for every dollar that is spent on public transportation.

*In 2008, the Central Area Rural Transit System, Inc. (CARTS), on the Kenai Peninsula, provided more than 53,000 rides to the general public. To meet the demand, CARTS contracted local providers, paying nearly \$2 million to cab companies and nonprofit agencies that year.*

Public transportation makes more money available to support a higher standard of living. Commuters can reduce their gasoline, parking and other automobile-related expenses by parking the car and using public transit.



*"Riding the bus saves me a lot of money. I estimate I save \$5,000 a year."*

- **Jeff Manfull**  
Commuter, Anchorage

Increased mobility and social benefits go hand-in-hand. Riders without cars or other means of transportation can remain independent, getting to work, shopping, school and appointments without relying on family and friends for rides.

Cost-effective transportation that serves the community and reduces the number of cars on the road also has the effect of reducing emissions, promoting clean air and alleviating our dependence on foreign oil.



**Good for individuals, businesses and communities.**  
**Good for Alaska.**



*"Without the van service here in Ketchikan, I would have no freedom."*

- **Jessi Chapman**  
Ketchikan

In 2008, public transportation providers in Alaska invested more than \$57 million to deliver transportation services to Alaskans residing in communities large and small, over an area of more than half a million square miles. This investment assures independence for about 20,000 riders per

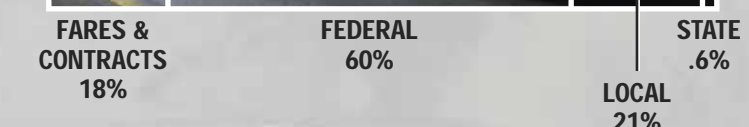
*"I feel good about myself taking one more car off the road. I really don't need a car."*

- **Tim Doebler**  
UAA Professor, Anchorage



day, allowing them to commute to and from work affordably, take care of their medical needs, shop at local businesses and remain active participants in the life of Alaska's communities. With public transportation available, the going is good.

## How is public transit funded in Alaska?

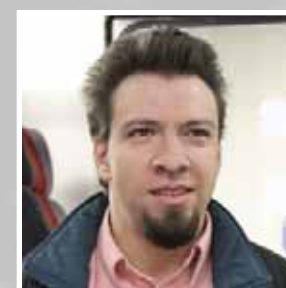


*"It's convenient; it's easy; it's accessible; it's a great way to save the environment and be active; you can go to a grocery store or a mall downtown; and you don't have to pay for gas or car maintenance. It's great!"*

- **Yuliya Redelina**  
UAA Student, Anchorage

*"It's really necessary for the elders who don't have cars and don't want to depend on others for a ride. The system really works."*

- **Yvonne and Woodrow Watson**  
Teacher's Aide and Vice Mayor, Saxman



*"The bus system is wonderful in Ketchikan. It's important for people with disabilities and seniors to get around town, to live a full life. It's important to the life of the community."*

- **Kevin Gadsey**  
Commuter, Ketchikan

*"My husband can't drive when it gets dark. I depend on the bus for my independence."*

- **Mary Casey**  
Kasilof/Kenai Peninsula

